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## — OUR ALBUM. —



MISS M. JOHNSON.

## EDITORIAL.

### REGISTRATION.

WE have expressed the opinion, upon more than one occasion, in these columns, that the Registration of Trained Nurses provides the best possible basis upon which improvement in Nursing instruction and knowledge can be founded, and we have adduced several cogent reasons in support of this our belief. Last week, as our readers will remember, we discussed an objection which has been in several quarters raised against the scheme—that it should not be attempted until uniform systems of instruction, of examination, and of certification had been adopted throughout the United Kingdom. We recalled the fact that Hospital instruction was now considered a necessity for those who desired properly to perform the duties devolving on skilled attendants upon the sick, and that at the great proportion of Nurse Training Schools some form of examination of, and of testimonial of efficiency to, their pupils was already in force, and, finally, that all that Registration in future proposed to do was to enrol the names of women who possessed divers kinds of certificates from different Hospitals, upon one common Register, to which the public could easily refer to obtain knowledge, now difficult or impossible for it to procure. There is surely no need to show once more that any woman can to-day call herself a Certificated Hospital Nurse, and that no one can, without great investigation and trouble, prove that her assertion is untrue. If the public had the smallest idea how it has been, and is daily being, victimised by the most ignorant women under the guise of Nurses, such an outburst of feeling would be evoked, that it would go hard with those who are making futile efforts to prevent a most necessary reform. In fact, it is well for some Hospitals, though it has by so much retarded the advent of Registration, that the present

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